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In your letter of 11 March you asked what guidelines we follow in releasing World War II intelligence documents.

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As you may know, we are required by Executive Order 11652 to review all documents classified before 1 June 1972 as they become 30 years old. Many of the documents you hold may therefore already have been reviewed and declassified. I suspect it might be quite a formidable undertaking to check your holdings domain.

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In addition to the automatic review of the classification of older documents, the Freedom of Information Act requires us, upon request, to review documents of any age to determine whether they should be declassified and released to the requester, in whole or in part. The recent amendments have left intact provisions that in effect require the exemption of classified documents if we determine that they contain information received in confidence from foreign governments or that their release would jeopardize intelligence sources and methods.

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In the hope that it might assist you in establishing criteria for reviewing documents, I am enclosing instructions that our people follow in reviewing Office of Strategic Services' records.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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